

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

HARMAN, Jane (Democrat)
Representative, 36th District, California
Elected 1992 to 103rd Congress; Reelected to
104th and 105th Congresses; Elected 2000 to
107th Congress



BACKGROUND

Born: New York City, New York -- 28 June 1945
Home: Rolling Hills, California
Marital status: Married (Sidney) - 4 children
Religion: Jewish
Education: Smith College, B.A., 1966; Harvard Law, J.D. 1969
Military: None

Profession: Lawyer; White House aide; congressional aide

Political: Defeated Joan Flores (R) with 49% of the vote to win the 36th District seat in the 103rd Congress. Reelected in 1996 with 53% of the vote. Sought the Democratic nomination for governor in 1998, but defeated in the primary. Defeated Rep Steven Kuykendall (R) with 48% of the vote to take back her seat in the 2000 general election. Reelected in 2002 with 61% of the vote.

Rep Harman is a moderate. Very pro-defense. Consistent and strong backer of the B-2. Voted twice to maintain F-22 funding. Her district contains Boeing, TRW, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon, and Lockheed Martin. She has worked hard to preserve the C-17 and save Los Angeles AFS from BRAC action.

In the 107th Congress she opposed an April 01 proposal by Sen Domenici (R-NM) to stop a land exchange and move the Los Angeles AFS's Space & Missile Systems Center to NM. The AF backed Harman by stating the Domenici proposal "would cost the government valuable time and resources." Her Congressional priorities include terrorism & homeland security, the energy situation in CA, and improving air transportation in S. CA. She was a member of the 1999 National Commission on Terrorism that concluded it would be a question of 'when' not 'if' there would be a major terrorist attack on the US homeland. Her legislative initiatives include HR 3468, The Foreign Terrorist Military Tribunal Auth Act, and HR 6424, The Office of Homeland Security Act. This legislation would give Gov Ridge authority to fight terrorism. "To succeed, Ridge needs the tools to force the coordination of homeland security efforts", said Harman. In Nov01, she called for greater security and disarmament of nuclear weapons. Harman said, " We cannot spend \$8B on missile defense and less than \$1B on preventing proliferation of the deadly materials that those missiles carry."

In the 108th Congress, did not join other Democrats in criticizing the President for US troops not finding weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. Believed they have been "buried or dispersed....Some may now be in the hands of terrorist groups."

Additional: Served as special counsel at the Dept of Defense and deputy secretary to the Cabinet under the Carter administration. Army's Ft MacArthur and San Clemente Naval R&D Center are in her district. Coauthored with William Perry, Ashton Carter, and John Shalikashvili a book on defense reform entitled "Keeping the Edge." Member of "Blue Dog" coalition.

AF Bases: Los Angeles AFB

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